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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As Mayor Pro Tem of the Dallas City Council, I appreciate that municipal governments in today's society cannot function proper without quality broadband internet. With prices of such access ranging from \$15 to \$45 per mbps, it is easy to see why many citizens cannot afford it. However, regardless of the costs, municipalities have no choice. The result is higher taxes for my constituents.

I am writing to you with the hope that this can soon change. I have learned that your office has received a proposal that would allow everyone in the country to have free access to the internet, both individuals and businesses alike. U.S. cities and counties will benefit tremendously from this action, as they compete for jobs, residents and business investment. In addition, the access would relieve overloaded surface transportation systems by providing a telecommuting infrastructure.

Passage of this proposal would benefit small towns and large cities alike. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Hill
Mayor Pro Tem

c: Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Tate
Commissioner McDowell
FCC Secretary Marlene Dortch
Kathy Seidel, Acting Chief, Wireless Bureau
U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator John Cornyn
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